

## ***Special points of interest:***

- Noise Abatement Pilot Pledge Program
- Airport Security
- Radar Service at Scottsdale Airport



## **Director's Report**

Well, we have completed our "busy" season and are moving into the spring season. I would like to welcome Scottsdale Air Center, our new fixed base operator, to the eastside of the Airport. If you haven't had the opportunity to stop and see the new facilities, I am sure they will welcome you and give you a tour.

On a sad note, I would like to take a moment to remember Guy Stepanski, who passed away on April 15<sup>th</sup>. For those that didn't know him, he was a former member of the Scottsdale Airport Advisory Commission and served as Vice Chairman. In addition, Guy was extremely active in the Scottsdale community, including being the co-founder of Northwest Scottsdale Property Owners Association (NESPOA) and a member of the

Scottsdale Parks and Recreation Commission. Guy spent a lot of time at the Airport, having his own Piper Dakota as well as taking time to meet and greet other members of the community. Please take time to remember Guy in your prayers, as we will all miss his presence around the Airport.

In between newsletters, be sure to keep up-to-date with the happenings here at the Airport by logging onto the Airport's website at [www.scottsdaleaz.gov/airport](http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/airport). A wealth of information is at your fingertips about the Airport and Airpark.

As always, if we can be of assistance to you or if you have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact the Airport Administration office at (480) 312-2321. Scott

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## **Airport Construction Update**

The majority of the Kilo ramp project has been completed. A few drainage items had to be modified, however, final details of the project will be wrapped up by the end of May.

The next construction project will involve overlaying Taxiway A. A grant from the State of Arizona is expected to fund this project. The project is currently out to bid, but is not guaranteed to survive state budget cuts. If it does survive state budget cuts, the project will most likely take place in July or August, our slowest months of operation. The entire project will



take 12 to 14 days to complete and will require runway closures for approximately 4 nights while the areas adjacent to the runway are completed. The remainder of the project will be completed during the day and will be done in phases so aircraft owners are not displaced from their hangar facilities. Obviously, some creative rerouting and use of Taxiway Bravo will be required to make this happen. If state funding remains intact and the project moves forward, detailed construction notices will be sent to all affected airport users and tenants as we do with all of our major construction projects.

## Noise Abatement Pilot Pledge Program

Pilots: We need your help with our latest voluntary noise abatement effort, *the Scottsdale Airport Pilot Pledge*.

There is growing concern in our community about aviation's impact on quality of life. To address this concern, the **Pilot Pledge** was developed to increase pilot awareness of the need to "fly neighborly" and demonstrate aviators' positive commitment to noise abatement.



If you have received a pledge form and are a pilot, **we ask that you complete a Pilot Pledge form when obtaining your new prox card.** Our goal is to receive as many pilot pledges as possible.

Thank you for your assistance in making our airport noise abatement efforts successful. If you would like more pilot pledge forms to distribute to fellow pilots, or would like a staff person to attend a pilot meeting, please call (480) 312-7609. The Pilot Pledge is also available at the airport website.

## Airport Security

Scottsdale Airport and AOPA have joined together to improve airport security. AOPA has launched a program called "Airport Watch" and recommends many of the same measures that SDL has implemented or requested from its pilot community. One of the most important items that we recommend is that pilots take an extra step to lock their aircraft to prevent theft or unauthorized use thereof. Prop and/or throttle locks are the recommended devices. Finally, please review the following list of things to be aware of while you are at the airport:

- Pilots who appear to be under the control of someone else.
- Anyone trying to access an aircraft through force - without keys, using a crow bar, etc.
- Anyone who seems unfamiliar with aviation procedures trying to rent an airplane.
- Anyone who misuses aviation lingo or seems too eager to use the lingo.
- People or groups who seem determined to keep to themselves.
- Any members of your airport neighborhood who work to avoid contact with you or other airport tenants.
- Anyone who appears to be just loitering with no specific reason to be there.
- Any out of the ordinary videotaping of aircraft or hangars.
- Aircraft with unusual or obviously unauthorized modifications.
- Dangerous cargo loads- explosives, chemicals, openly displayed weapons being loaded into an aircraft.

- Anything that strikes you as wrong or out of place. Listen to your gut instinct, and then follow through.

Remember to report any of these items to the following agencies.

National Response Center 1-866 GA SECURE.  
Airport Operations 480-312-8478.  
Or if danger is imminent, call 911.



**Remember to visit our web site at [www.ScottsdaleAz.gov/Airport](http://www.ScottsdaleAz.gov/Airport) for daily updates on current events!**

## Operational Levels

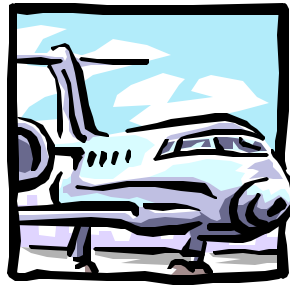
The following is a breakdown by user of the total of the 50,959 operations in the year 2003 :

⇒ 33,692 Itinerant

⇒ 17,267 Local

Of the total 50,959 operations in the year 2003, 11,014 were categorized as IFR operations.

Year to date total is down approximately 0.25% in comparison to last years total of 51,091.



The following identifies the historic calendar year operational levels.

1996 – 183,108

1997 – 185,100

1998 – 208,464

1999 – 230,591

2000 – 206,533

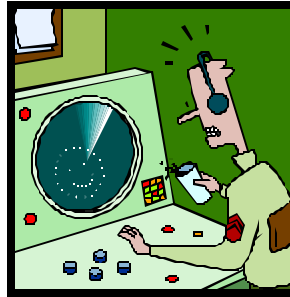
2001 – 184,727

2002 – 195,474

## Radar service at TRACON for Scottsdale Airport

The City has successfully lobbied to have a radar signal provided to the Scottsdale Air Traffic Control Tower, and is now focused on having to-the-ground radar service available at the FAA Terminal Area Radar Control (TRACON). This would enable Charted Visual Approach procedures with altitude specifications to be established. The FAA is planning future operational tests involving the ASR-8 radar system located at Williams Gateway Airport in the southeast valley.

On April 7, the FAA responded to the City's request for information. The FAA reports that an operational evaluation is scheduled for April 21st, to test the ASR-8 service in a southeastern sector of the TRACON's airspace. The results of this evaluation will determine the



extent of further ASR-8 utilization in the TRACON, and whether further operational evaluations will be conducted for the TRACON's airspace sector affecting Scottsdale. The FAA has also initiated a multi-year selection process to determine an appropriate location for a new ASR-11 radar antenna to be located in north Phoenix that may also provide the desired to-the-ground radar coverage at SDL. The formal environmental assessment process is anticipated to begin in a few months, however, the latest operational projection for the new ASR-11 has been revised to mid-2007. We anticipate the City will lobby

the FAA for a higher priority and earlier installation of the ASR-11.

## A \$10 dollar plane ride at the State Fair (aviation humor)

For many, many years, Margaret and her husband Charlie went to the State Fair each summer. Every year Margaret would say, "Charlie", I'd like to ride in that there airplane." And every year Charlie would say, "I know Margaret, but that airplane ride costs ten dollars, and ten dollars is ten dollars."

This year Margaret and Charlie went to the fair and Margaret said, "Charlie, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride that there airplane this year I may never get another chance." Charlie replied, "Margaret, that there airplane ride costs ten dollars and ten dollars is ten dollars."

The pilot overheard them and said, "Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take you both up for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say even one word, I won't charge you. But if either of you speaks one word it's ten dollars." Margaret and Charlie agreed, and up they went.

The pilot does all kinds of twists & turns, rolls & dives, but not a word is heard. He does all his tricks over again, but still not a word. They land and the pilot turns to Margaret, "By golly, I did everything I could think of to get you to yell out, but you didn't." Margaret replied, "Well, I was gonna say something when Charlie fell out, but ten dollars is ten dollars."

### Quote of the Quarter

The world is moved not only by the mighty shoves of the heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker.

Author: Helen Keller

# Airport Advisory Commission Update

## January 2003

The Airport Advisory Commission meeting was held on January 8, 2003. Permit ratifications included Grand Canyon Airlines to provide aircraft charter services and Windmill Inns of America to conduct hangar/shade leasing in the Airpark. Action items included the approval of the inter-governmental agreement with ADOT-Aeronautics for design work at Scottsdale Airport. Informational items included a discussion regarding the role of the Airport Advisory Commission, update of the noise reports for November and December 2002, and airport operations update

## February 2003

The Airport Advisory Commission meeting was held on February 13, 2003. Permit ratifications included Sawyer Charter Services to conduct aircraft sales and charter/brokerage services. Action items included the approval of a subcommittee on aviation noise issues to be formed with three members of the airport commission. Informational items included an annual update by the City's Risk Management Division regarding insurance requirements at the Airport, recommended modifications to the Airport Minimum Operating Standards and Airpark Minimum Operating Standards. Other informational items included a review of airpark development and

construction and leasing/licensing policies. An update was provided regarding the January 2003 noise report and an overall review of the airport noise program including noise control through contractual agreements. Finally, there was an update of airport operations.

## March 2003

The Airport Advisory Commission meeting was held on March 12, 2003. Permit ratifications included Scottsdale Air Center to provide fixed base operator services, and Swift Aviation Services to provide aircraft maintenance and repair services. Action items included the approval of assignment of the airport restaurant and related office space to Blue Fig, LLC, and amendment and assignment of the proposed museum property to the International Fighter Pilots Museum Foundation. Other action items included modifications to the Airport Minimum Operating Standards and the Airpark Minimum Operating Standards. Informational items included an update the February 2003 Noise report, airport operations update, and a flight tracking system overview.

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